Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended)   A method of increasing the available storage space ~~in a~~ memory ~~on an electronic storage medium~~ comprising the steps of:

~~creating and storing~~ defining in ~~a~~ the memory a free memory list ~~for the electronic storage medium,~~ the free memory list contained in a first physical memory area of the memory, the free memory list configured to contain one or more portions of one or more files;

storing a file in the memory, the file including a first portion contained in a second physical memory area of the memory and a second portion contained in a third physical memory area of the memory;

selecting ~~a~~ the first portion of ~~a~~ the file ~~stored on the electronic storage medium~~ for deletion; and

copying only the selected first portion of the file from the second physical memory area to the first physical memory area containing the free memory list without copying ~~a~~ the second portion of the file contained in the third physical memory area and resulting in the second physical memory area being deallocated ~~leaving a deallocated portion of memory corresponding to the first portion~~.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the file is an audio file or a video file.

3. (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1 wherein the selecting the first portion of the file stored ~~on the electronic storage medium~~ in the memory creates a plurality of file segments.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of linking the plurality of file segments together.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the file is a video file.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the memory ~~electronic storage~~

~~medium~~ is a memory of a personal video recorder.

     7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the <u>memory</u> ~~electronic storage medium~~ is a memory of a personal video recorder.

     8-16. (Cancelled)